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**ADP BULLETIN**

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**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify all Narcotic Treatment Programs (NTP) of a change in the Department of Alcohol and Drug Program's (ADP) policy regarding admission requirements.

**DISCUSSION**

NTP patients are required to receive a physical examination before being admitted into detoxification or maintenance treatment. When the physician is not present at the program, the physician extender may provide the necessary admission requirements with a physician's verbal order and signature, via facsimile, on the day of admission. This policy has created a hardship on the programs as well as the physicians. In order to lessen the burden and align with standard practices of the medical community, ADP has approved physicians to counter-sign the admission physical within three days of the patient being admitted.

**REFERENCES**

California Code of Regulations, Title 9, Section 10270.

**BACKGROUND**

Before admitting an applicant to detoxification or maintenance treatment, the medical director shall either conduct a medical evaluation or document his or her review and concurrence of a medical evaluation conducted by the physician extender.



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### QUESTIONS/MAINTENANCE

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